

**January 10, 2007**

**Annual meeting of Anthony fire district board of directors**

**Board members Attendance:**

**Gary Cote**

**Edward Webster**

**Pat Lohrer Lefebvre**

**Domenic Terracciano**

**Shirley Matthews**

**Clerk:**

**Antonio Neves**

**Minutes of the meeting:**

**7:00 pm Meeting started**

**7:03 pm Cote: opens meeting with reading tonight's agenda, open meeting, give the Board members the floor.**

**7:04pm Board member's addresses audience rumors about the board.**

**Lefebvre: address concerns about the hiring process for the new interim fire chief**

**Beckman: agrees with Lefebvre about the hiring process and states**

**that the bylaws will need to be changed for a better system of hiring a new chief.**

**Cote: addresses audience and interim fire chief to explain that the new interim chief's employment agreement and addresses bylaw change and charter change for new hiring procedure for hiring a new chief.**

**Cote: addresses the audience and apologizes for the illegal work session that was held last week, stating that it was a mistake and will not happen again.**

**Cote: motion to move on. Second.**

**7:19pm Cote: reads second agenda item, opens the floor to the fire fighters.**

**7:19pm – 7:30pm Fire fighters and board members discuss how well the new interim fire chief is doing at his new post.**

**7:30pm Cote: reads third agenda item, open's the floor to the tax payers.**

**Audience: addresses issue on the illegal work session and hiring of new interim fire chief.**

**Board members: address the issue about the illegal work session and state that it will not happen again, the board also states that this is still new to them and that it will take time to acclimate themselves to the new positions and apologizes for the error.**

**Audience: Gorman will not file complaint about illegal workshop**

**meeting**

**Board members: say thank you**

**Audience: open discussion about hiring new fire chief and the process to which it was done, was it open to the public or an election held?**

**Board members: the position was advertised as directed by the charter and bylaws and that the interim fire chief was hired on a temporary basis until the charter and bylaws are changed only then will the board address a new system of hiring a new fire chief, until then the board backs the new interim fire chief**

**Beckman: gives permission to the secretary to give records about him to people who are authorized to view them.**

**7:59pm Cote: motion to move on**

**Webster: move on**

**Lefebvre: move on**

**Matthews: move on**

**8:00pm Cote: Agenda item new business**

**8:01pm Cote: Reads letter from Gorman addressed to the board care of Gary Cote regarding the appointment of the new interim fire chief and life safety issues and lowering taxes by merger.**

**Board members: response to the issue of merger in the letter by stating that the board would like to take time to investigate the financial option of merger, and any financial burden that merger may**

or may not cause.

**8:30pm Board addresses issue with money being owed by tenants of the next door apartment building**

**Cote: ask board to vote for legal proceedings to evict tenants**

**Board: unanimous vote for legal proceedings**

**8:37pm Cote: states to the board members that paper work needs to be voted on and sent to the lease agent so that the new ambulance can be put into service.**

**Neves: reads lease agreement and terms of the letter provided by Cote.**

**Board members: unanimous vote on all lease agreement terms.**

**Cote: states that the lease agreement letter will be sent to the lender and the new ambulance will be in service in 0 to 12 days.**

**Matthews: asks the board if she can submit a list of the current vehicles registered to the Anthony fire station to the tax assessor's office.**

**Board members: votes yes unanimously**

**8:44pm Cote: ask for meeting adjournment**

**Board: denied, need to set dates for new meetings**

**8:45pm Mathews: asks to schedule next Wednesdays and future meetings for January 17, 24, 31. Board votes yes unanimously**

**8:47pm Board discussion on posting meetings in new locations**

**8:49pm Webster and Terracciano: ask for meeting adjournment. Cote second**

**8:50pm Meeting adjourned**